

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 655

By Grills

A RESOLUTION to recognize Emma Juliet Pence upon her graduation from high school.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic achievement and community service, have distinguished themselves in the classroom and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Emma Juliet Pence is one such exceptional individual, who will graduate from high school this year; and

WHEREAS, a homeschool student throughout her educational career, Emma Pence is the third of seven children born into a military family; for nine years, she, her siblings, and her parents lived in various locations in which her father, a member of the United States Air Force, was stationed, including Washington, D.C., and North Pole, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, after Ms. Pence's father retired, the family answered the call to full-time missions, leaving the United States in 2014 to live in Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, until 2018, when they returned home to establish a church in Charlestown, Indiana; they currently live in Dyersburg and serve full time in the ministry; and

WHEREAS, a young lady with great compassion and love for animals, Emma Pence rescued her first cat at the age of twelve; in 2020, at the age of fourteen, she began her own animal rescue, Prodigal Pets, and, to date, has rescued more than 200 animals; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pence also has a love of politics, enjoying debate and weighing arguments against her moral and religious compass; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pence accepted Jesus Christ as her savior when she was six years old, and since that time, she has tried to live her life in accordance with Christian principles, positively influencing her peers to do the same; and

WHEREAS, Emma Pence's display of leadership and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pence's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her family and her community; and

WHEREAS, Emma Pence's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of the members of this General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor Emma Juliet Pence upon her graduation from high school, salute her academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.